

As a recent XM Satellite Radio subscriber, I feel I must relay my concerns about the NAB's petition 04-160. My first thoughts, as an American adult with all my rights intact, is that I pay for this service and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. One of my favorite features is that I can get my favorite channels any place I go in the country -- and I'm guaranteed reception (no more hunting around for that station on the car radio). XM Satellite Radio also offers a wide variety of programming not available to me on conventional radio -- I'm from a smaller community with little diversity. I therefore am able to enjoy music from around the world, which I enjoy.

My thoughts are that the broadcasters feel threatened by the success of satellite radio. Instead of competing and improving their services, they want the government to protect their businesses by attacking satellite radio. This same group has tried to block every innovative technology that has been warmly welcomed into America's homes and cars. In the 1940's, radio broadcasters tried to squash television. In the 1970's, AM broadcasters tried to put the kibosh on FM stations. They never win and they never learn.

I respectfully urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve. XM has played by the rules since day one. This is a question of consumer choice and the freedoms protected by the First Amendment.